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## Scraps of History – Vines Collier and the American Revolution

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If you are a member of the DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) or SAR (Sons of the American Revolution) through your lineage from Vines Collier, your may owe your membership to the efforts of Jena Cuthbert (J. C.) Collier and his son, Durward Cuthbert (D. C.). In the 1920s, their research in Collier genealogy had found evidence that Vines Collier served in the Brunswick County, Virginia Militia as an Ensign in 1758, during the French and Indian War. But what did their ancestor do during the American Revolution? Researchers they hired continued to come up empty handed until they enlisted the assistance of Dr. J. D. Eggleston. Wikipedia tells us this about Dr. Eggleston:

Joseph DuPuy Eggleston II (November 13, 1867 – March 15, 1953) was an American educator, the seventh president of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech), and the 27th president of Hampden-Sydney College. Eggleston also served as a public school teacher and administrator and as the chief of the Division of Rural Education for the United States Bureau of Education.

It is unclear how D.C and J.C were able to secure the efforts of such a prominent educator for the purposes of this research. Regardless, it paid off because on March 8, 1928, Dr. Eggleston penned this note to them. It simply reads "I have found Rev. service of Vines Collier in some loose papers in Va. State Library."

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papers in Va. State Library.

March 8/28 J. D. Eggleston

D. C. and his father were no doubt ecstatic. Here is D. C.'s response.

March 12, 1928.

Mr. J. D. Eggleston,  
C/o Hampton Sidney College,  
Hampton Sidney, Va.

Dear Mr. Eggleston:

I have your most welcome letter of March 8th stating that you have found Revolutionary Service of Vines Collier. I can't begin to express to you the pleasant surprise this brought me, because I had made a faithful search in many different directions to secure this information.

I would appreciate it if you would have copies made of the documents with notary signature, sending the amount of charges at the same time to me here.

You will see that I have now moved to Athens.

My father has been in correspondence with one of the bookers, the exact name and address I don't recall now, but I will advise you, and I rather think that some of this information might be of interest to you. I am asking him to write you further about this.

Since I wrote you last I have joined the Society of Colonial Wars.

Should you ever be in this section, I would appreciate a visit from you. If I can be of any service to you in looking up any records here, please call on me.

With best wishes, I remain

Cordially yours,

DCC:E

Dr. Eggleston was requested to obtain and provide photostatic copies of the evidence (see the February 28, 2015 CHF post "More Roots and In Search of a Patriot"). I believe the following images, from the papers of J. C. Collier, are those photostatic copies. They show Vines Collier supported the American Revolution by furnishing supplies, thus earning him the distinction of "Patriot".

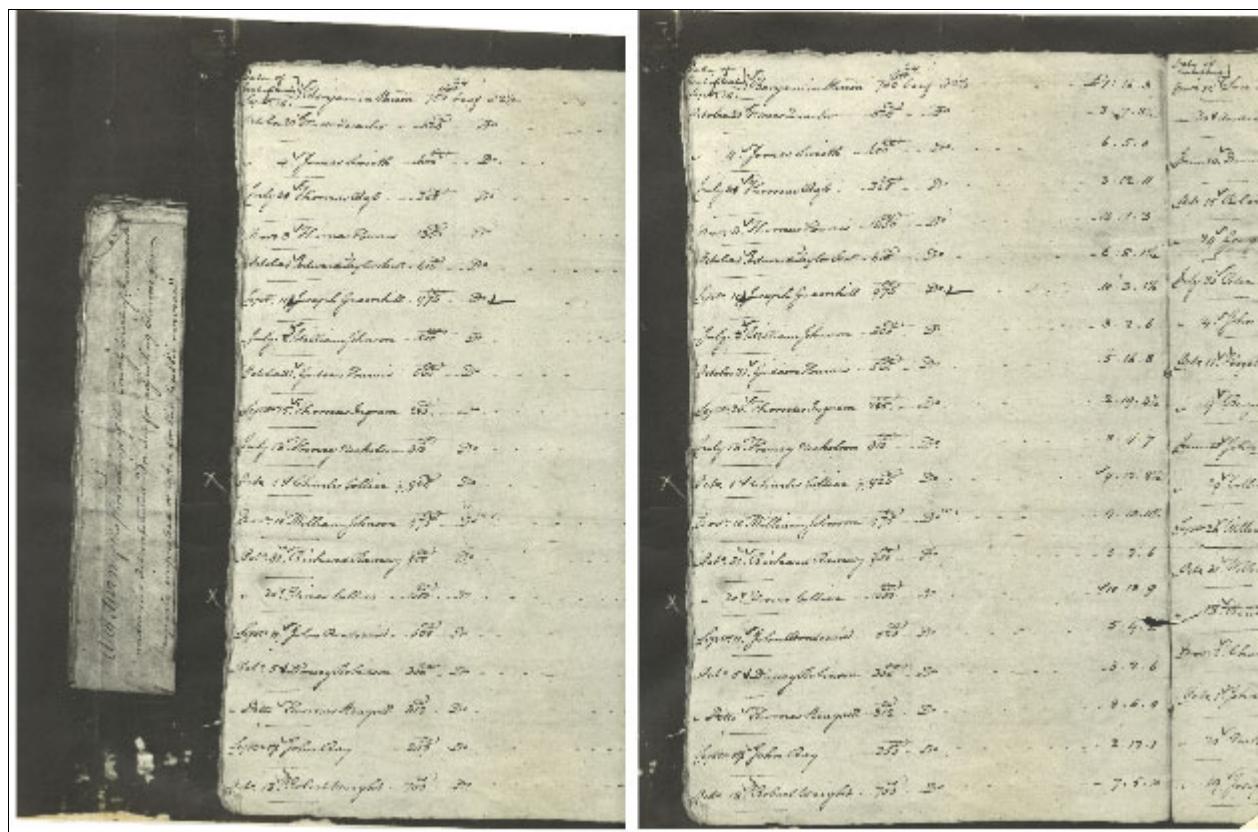
The following images were scanned from a large, rolled photostatic copy. The large copy could only be scanned in total by overlapping the scanned area. It should be apparent that the central portion is on both left and right images.

The strip on the extreme left reads

## A Return of the proceedings of County Court of Brunswick

Under the Act instituted "An Act for adjusting Claims for Property

impressed or taken for the public service"



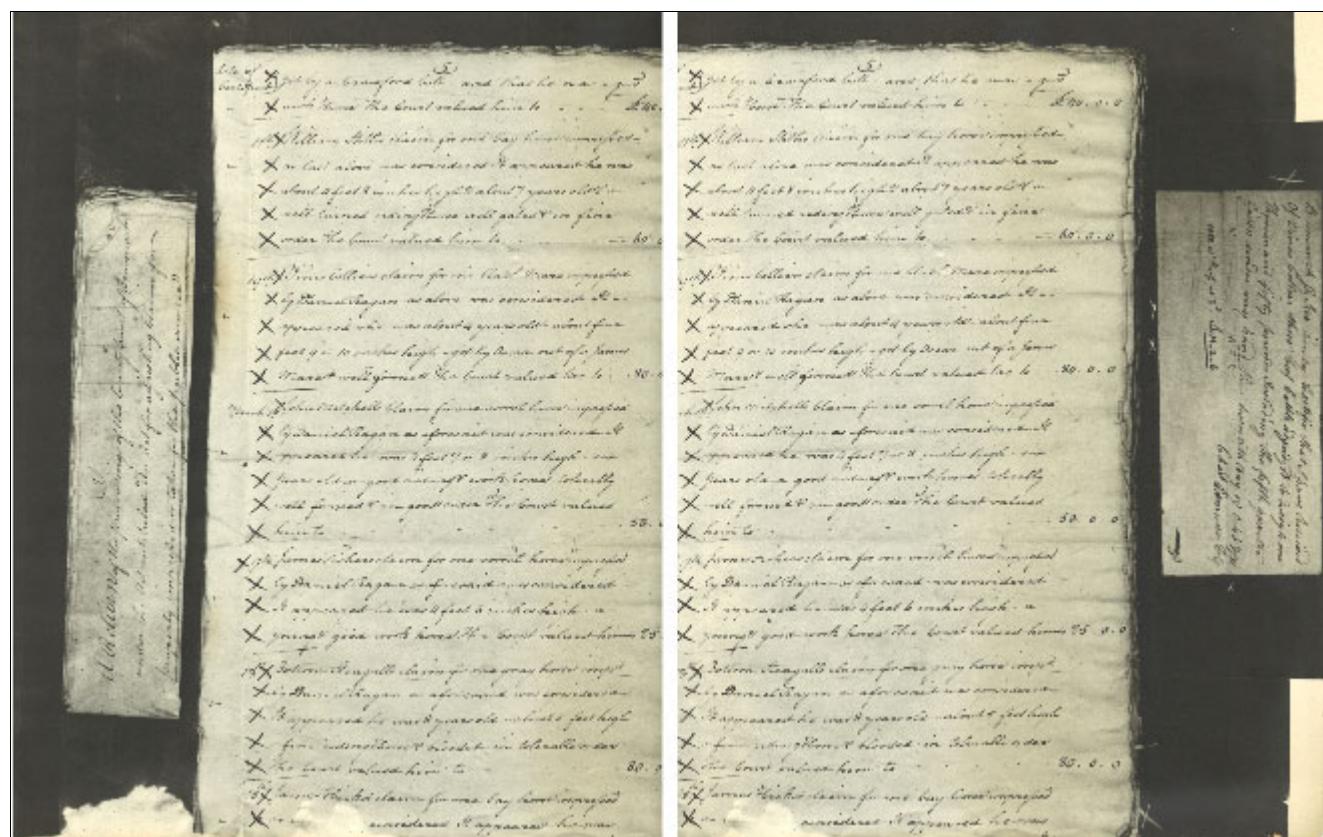
Line 15 shows on Certificate dated Oct. 20 Vines Collier was compensated £ 10. 18. 9 for providing 1050 pounds of beef to the Revolutionary Cause. Notes Charles Collier is listed on line 12.

In the following image, the right hand strip is a receipt for the beef and it states

Bruswick Co (?) hereby certifis that I have received  
of Vines Collier three beef cattle adjudged to weigh one  
Thousan and fifty pounds Including the fifth quarter  
given under my hand this 20th day of October 1781  
Chas Edmond (?)  
1050 beef (?) 13-2-6 (?)

A little research tells me the "fifth quarter" refers to the entrails.

The left hand strip reads as the one in the above image. The center portion of the image documents Vines Collier's contribution of a black mare to the Revolution, for which he was granted £ 80, horses obviously being more valuable than cattle.



My transcription is:

**19th (probably February) Vines Collier claim for one black Mare impressed by Daniel Ragan as above was considered. It appeared she was about 4 years old – about 4 feet 9 or 10 inches high – got by Oscar out of Janus Mare & well formed. The Court valued her to 80.00**